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Title: Improved Bleacher Chair and
Method of Vending Same

**SUBSTITUTE PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT INCLUDING CLEAN VERSION OF
AMENDED CLAIM 13**

TO: The Honorable Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks
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Please cancel and replace claim 13 with the following clean version of amended claim 13:

13. A method for the rental of a portable bleacher chair as specified in claim 1, the method being used for events having bleacher seating, the method being for rental to a customer attending said event, which method comprises:

- (a) providing an inventory of bleacher chairs at a location proximate to said event, each said bleacher chair comprising a unique identification means for uniquely identifying each said bleacher chair, said identification means being laser scannable into a computer;
- (b) providing a computer means for digitally storing the unique identification means for each bleacher chair;

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(c) providing a credit card scanning means for scanning the renter's credit card and obtaining a set of data therefrom when the renter checks out a bleacher chair, the computer means matching the data to the unique identification means for the bleacher chair rented;

(d) the computer means further having a signature capture means for electronically capturing said renter's signature authorizing a transaction, the computer means further having a wireless digital phone connection means for sending and receiving credit card data and a printing means for printing a receipt of said transaction;

(e) providing a means for electronically charging and releasing a monetary deposit for said bleacher chair rental; and,

(f) releasing the deposit by scanning the unique identification means associated with said bleacher chair upon its return to inventory.

The above recited "clean version" of claim 13 was amended claim 13 as follows:

Claim 13 (amended). A method for the rental of a portable bleacher chair as specified in claim 1, the method being used for events having bleacher seating, the method being for rental to a customer attending said event, which method comprises:

(a) providing an inventory of bleacher chairs at a location proximate to said event, each said bleacher chair comprising a unique identification means for uniquely identifying each said bleacher chair, said identification means being laser scannable into a computer;

(b) providing a computer means for digitally storing the unique identification means for each bleacher chair;

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- (c) providing a credit card scanning means for scanning the renter's credit card and obtaining a set of data therefrom when the renter checks out a bleacher chair, the computer means matching the data to the unique identification means for the bleacher chair rented;
- (d) the computer means further having a signature capture means for electronically capturing said renter's signature authorizing a transaction, the computer means further having a wireless digital phone connection means for sending and receiving credit card data and a printing means for printing a receipt of said transaction;
- (e) providing a means for electronically charging and releasing a monetary deposit for said bleacher chair rental; and,
- (f) releasing the deposit by scanning the unique identification means associated with said bleacher chair upon its return to inventory.